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R 181615Z SEP 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OEXC, UR  
SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM ART EXCHANGE

REF: STATE 202882

1. HOVING CALLED DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 17 TO VOICE CONCERN THAT HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW MIGHT CAUSE HIM SOME EMBARRASSMENT IN LIGHT OF WIDE ATTENTION GIVEN HERE TO RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING UNOFFICIAL SOVIET ARTISTS. HE ASKED THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO HIS TRIP AND THAT US PRESS CORPS IN MOSCOW NOT BE INFORMED OF IT. DEPTOFF TOLD HOVING THAT NEWS OF VISIT MAY ALREADY BE OUT IN MOSCOW AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO KEEP VISIT UNDER WRAPS. HOVING TOLD, NEVERTHELESS, THAT WE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF HIS DESIRE TO AVOID PUBLICITY.

2. IN VIEW OF HOVING'S REQUEST, EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS VISIT WITH PRESS ONLY ON "IF-ASKED" BASIS. 4

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